



Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Thursday June 13, 2018, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Old North End Community Center, 20 Allen Street

wards2and3npa.weebly.com

Community Dinner at 5:30pm (by donation)

<http://onecommunitydinner.weebly.com>

NPA Announcements – 10 minutes:

- Financial Report - Each ward will need to vote on how to spend \$400 for FY19 ending on June 30

Public Forum– 15 minutes

- Announcements / Comments / Issues / Suggestions (one minute per speaker)

Fletcher Free Library: Strategic Plan and feedback – 10 minutes

Mary Danko, Director

The Library is reviewing the current (2017-2020) strategic plan and asking for public input on how it is going so far. The survey can be accessed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X2HGFDI>

Introducing Jake's Old North End Market and Mascoma Bank Micro-Branch – 10 minutes

James Kerrigan and Ali Zipparo

CityPlace Burlington Discussion – 20 minutes

- **Recap of Development Process + Q & A**

Brookfield Properties

State Representatives Report – 15 minutes

Jill Krowinski and Curt McCormack, Chittenden 6-3

Brian Cina and Selene Colburn, Chittenden 6-4

Topics to include:

- *Investments in the state budget that will support our community*
- *End of session update*

FY 2019 NPA Budget Allocation: \$400 per ward (Vote) – 10 minutes

Ward 2 and Ward 3 vote separately: Make sure to confirm your ward!

Steering Committee Proposal (Traditional):

\$200 per ward to the Community Dinner, \$200 per ward to the Old North End Community Center

Door Prizes: Perky Planet Coffee (\$25), Juice Amour (\$25)

Adjourn

A section of Burlington City Council resolution first adopted in 1982 establishing provisions for a Neighborhood Planning Assembly in each City ward.

...Neighborhood Planning Assemblies shall... help provide citizens with information concerning city programs and activities; help obtain citizen views of city needs; help provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in making recommendations with respect to governmental decisions including the allocation of revenues.

...Assemblies shall also be encouraged to provide advice to the appropriate commission or this council with respect to community development, housing programs, this City's Comprehensive Plan and its waterfront planning activities, and the city's budget among other issues....

Current NPA 2/3 Steering Committee:

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Ward 2	Stephen Carey			scarey@bsdvt.org
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Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

NPA:
(choose one)

Wards
1 & 8

Wards
2 & 3

Wards
4 & 7

Ward
5

Ward
6

Date of Assembly : 6 / 13 /2019 Start Time: (Commence): 6:30 PM

Location: Family Room Finish Time: (Adjourn): _____

Note taker: Hannah Carpino Please forward these official minutes to: _____

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Tony Redington, Vikas Mangipudi, Patrick Johnson, Perri Freeman, Emma Schoenberg, Lizzie Haskell, Kevin Deutermann, Barbara McGrew

Discussion Topics

- City Place
- Jake's Old North End Market
- Library

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- Budget passed for Wards 2 + 3

Agenda Items and Actions:

Please Remember to Enter Adjournment Time!

NPA Announcements/ Public Forum

- O.N.E Challenge encourages residents to spend money locally and support businesses in the ONE
- Vermont Dance Alliance, statewide non-profit, is hosting a day of outdoor dance Saturday on Church St called "Traces"
- Return to Earth event, June 20th, mountain biking film festival. Money goes towards building bike park
- Complaint was filed against City Hall Park process. Permit to cut down trees has expired as of March 22nd. Asking the court to enforce the permit, including its provision that expires if no work is done within a year of issuance of the permit
- Anew Place, transitional housing facility for the homeless. Upcoming volunteer opportunity available. "Serve week" at end of July, learn more at anewplacevt.org.
- Saturday, June 29th, ONE Dumpster Day occurs in parking lot of Arts Academy. Starts at 8:30-12 AM. Free pile!
- Citywide, 150 bicycle related injuries per year. Hopefully the data will cause Winooski Ave Corridor project to prioritize safety

Fletcher Free Library- Mary Danko

- 2020 Strategic Plan for library is finished
- More outreach, more computer classes, more technological updates as libraries change
- More cultural and literary enrichment opportunities
- Early Literacy Outreach Program- bringing literature and reading programs to homecare programs
- Trying to build staffing capacity
- Develop universally accessible literary programs

Jake's Old North End Market and Mascoma Bank Micro-Branch- Ali Zipparo

- Jake's ONE Market is trying to bring healthy, affordable groceries into the Old North End
- Construction through the next 4-5 months, no opening date slated yet

- Working hard to find local producers/suppliers
- Trying to find a way to make some home deliveries
- Six bike racks will be available out front underneath a canopy
- Mascoma Bank will be opening a small kiosk inside
 - Mascoma Bank is a mutual B-Corp, socially responsible business model
 - One branch open on Shelburne Road, two more in Burlington (Maltex Building and North End)
 - Three free community meeting spaces opening in Maltex building available to community members based on sign up system

CityPlace Burlington Discussion

- Brookfield has been working directly with Don Sinex and Devonwood since last year, decided that Brookfield would become more of the face of the project
- Brookfield has significant experience with large, mixed-use developments
- Process has had some challenges, time delays
- No definitive start date for construction
- Property tax is being paid on empty Macy's and lot between Bank and Cherry St
- Architect is Freeman French, Truex has been doing planning for future phases of project
- Billboards will be coming down due to significant complaints from community
- Brian Cina: Can Brookfield consider putting community-created murals over place of billboards in order to give work to local artists/cover the sight of the hole?
- Bank of the Ozarks is doing the financing, chosen because they're worked with Devonwood/Brookfield before

State Representatives Report

- Selene Colburn, Chittenden 6-4
 - Some work was done climate action to reduce carbon emissions
 - Invested \$1.5 million into electric vehicle incentive programs, walk and bike infrastructure, weatherization efforts, energy efficiency programs
 - Didn't do anything large-scale enough to face climate change
- Brian Cina, Chittenden 6-4
 - Healthcare workers are not being paid fairly. This session, legislature invested in home healthcare, mental health, and digital record-keeping systems
 - Funding increase for home and community healthcare workers
 - Increased funding for emergency room security
 - Healthcare committee in House was focused on stabilizing marketplace, making healthcare more affordable improving continuum of care
 - Mental Health Crisis Commission- government body tasked with investigating situations between police and people experiencing mental health crises. Still working on investigating situation between Burlington PD and Mr. Grenin.
- Jill Krowinski, Chittenden 6-3
 - Important progress made for children and families this legislative system
 - State has expanded Medicaid dental coverage

-Invested \$1.4 million in child welfare system to reduce caseload pressure of social workers, \$1.3 million for parent child work, \$1.5 million in mental health, \$2.5 million in basic increase in Reach Up Benefits program

-Curt McCormack, Chittenden 6-3

-Transportation bill that gives vouchers for car inspections, incentives to buy electric vehicles or low or middle income people. Program that trains AmeriCorps volunteers to work on cars, perform inspections

FY 2019 NPA Budget Allocation

-Ideas for budget:

-Money towards the Ramble

-Cooking and eating supplies for community dinners

-Budget with \$2,500 for each ward has been approved for next year

-Ward 2: \$175 to community dinner, \$175 to community center, \$50 to Ramble

-Budget is passed

Ward 3:

-\$300 toward dinner, \$100 towards Ramble

-Budget is passed

MAYOR WEINBERGER

**TREES REDUCE
GLOBAL WARMING**

**PLEASE Do NOT
CUT DOWN TREES
IN CITY HALL PARK**

**SAVE TREES -
SAVE THE PLANET**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

The A, B and C of Modern Busy Urban Street Design: the Burlington, VT Example

--yes, there are D, E, F, etc. to be covered in future analyses

Since 2000 a revolution occurred in United States modern busy urban streets design. Today there are three generic elements necessary when choosing to serve safely those who walk, bicycle, and, yes, those who travel by car on a busy urban street.

The three core busy urban street design elements are:

1. *sidewalk*
2. *roundabout*
3. *cycle track (protected bike lane)*

The basic design principle? Safety first!

If your busy urban street lacks one or more of these three central components—or their equivalent--by definition one or more ways of travel is unsafe, underserved and/or less than the desired, complete transportation street.

In many cases geographic (sharp grades like San Francisco hills), physical constraints (older narrow streets), etc., prevent fully achieving all three elements. The three elements remain the desired objective for safety! The 1000 Friends of Portland study found, essentially, the formula to walkable busy streets are a sidewalk network free of sharp grades plus ease of crossing intersections only the roundabout enables safely.

Almost by default by a neighborhood driven planning process, the Burlington, VT adopted its North Avenue Corridor Plan in 2014 where these three elements were enshrined to provide the highest level of safety for all modes: an existing sidewalk system, cycle track from end to end of the 2.6 mile corridor, and conversion of three of seven busy intersection traffic signals to roundabouts. Note the report two-page Chapter 1 vision and goals: https://studiesandreports.ccrpcvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/FINAL-NorthAve_CorridorReport.pdf

The roundabout, birthed in the U.K. in 1966, arrived in the U.S. in 1990. By 2005 NY State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) made the roundabout which cuts serious and fatal injuries about 90% its standard based on better safety for all modes. At U.S. and Canadian roundabouts, about 10,000 today, only one pedestrian and two cyclist fatalities occurred to date. NYSDOT's 2005 action instantly fossilized the traffic signal in America. (Consider the Assam, NL design preferred by many in the U.S. with a separate walk and bike lane: https://www.google.com/search?hs=yIX&q=assam+roundabout+design+netherlands&tbm=isch&source=univ&client=opera&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiYqdO8_s_iAhVkrN8KHbZODNIQsAR6BAgFEAE&biw=784&bih=462)

Historically cycle track is the newest and most rapidly adopted generic street element—the first cycle track network in North America being installed in Montreal in 2007. Cycle track adoption here includes its appearance statewide bike plans like the first Illinois state bicycle plan in 2014 and by 2017 in the form of a cycle track network in Burlington, VT's plan BTV Walk Bike: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/planbtvwalkbike> The “old” bicycle provisions of paint on street may have been help to the then prevalent young adult male cyclists. But paint on streets excluded most less skilled, old and young, and women concerned with personal safety. Simply, paint on asphalt is not a safety device and offers minimal safety benefit compared to cycle track while leaving most of the potential bicycle riding community unwilling to ride two wheelers.

Yes, there are some additional wrinkles. Led by Vermont bikepath pioneer, now Dr. Anne Lusk, Harvard School of Public Health, the cycle track alternative location on sidewalk level where there are business or other mixed use areas emerged. Dr. Lusk led the first safety studies showing the superior safety performance of cycle track in Montreal early this decade. Here is the 2010 Lusk study report: <https://injuryprevention.bmj.com/content/17/2/131>

Japan cities feature widespread use of sidewalk level cycle track (though only now adopting roundabout technology). Bicycling is a natural part of Japanese urban neighborhood travel activity (and connecting to subways in major cities) with pedestrians and cyclists of all ages mixing in a low speed cycling context on sidewalk spaces and street crossings. (Up to 10% of Japanese bicycles are E-bikes.)

Among other features, sidewalk level cycle track favors adjacent businesses with easier access and added flexible space between the business and vehicle travelways. Cycle track not on vehicle travelway may be at sidewalk level or at a separate level between the sidewalk level and vehicle travelway. Sidewalk cycle track examples: https://www.google.com/search?hs=pNs&q=sidewalk+level+cycle+track&tbm=isch&source=univ&client=opera&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwi_w9DW_c_iAhWGT98KHRe9Ah8Q7Al6BAgFEA0&biw=784&bih=462

There are a few other variations in street design of note, particularly “shared space” where all modes mix, coexist in a low speed and safe context https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shared_space One reason busy street urban Japan cycle track works so well is the presence of shared space neighborhood “local” side streets as described in the Wikipedia entry.

These major changes in safe busy urban street design took place since 1990 when the U.S. began its drop from 1st to 20th in highway fatality rates, now 22,000 yearly excess highway deaths compared to the average of the top four, the U.K. (co-leader with U.S. in 1990), Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. Safety first!



2020 Vision

Our community is engaged in lifelong learning. The Fletcher Free Library is an essential partner in Burlington's economic, social & cultural growth.

Mission

To inform, enrich & nurture a community of lifelong learners.

Strategy



Guiding Principles

- Open to all.
- Dedicated to ensuring patronage represents the diversity of our community.
- Dedicated to personal & intellectual freedom.
- Responsive, adaptive & accountable.
- A steward of materials & spaces.
- Committed to working in partnership with the community.
- Passionate about our mission, the Fletcher Free, & Burlington.

Strategic Directions 2017-2020



Goal 1. The Fletcher Free enables & facilitates learning, empowering through knowledge.

STRATEGY 1 Provide cultural & literary enrichment opportunities.
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STRATEGY 2 Provide universally accessible literacy programs.

Objectives

1. Engage, inspire, inform & open conversation among community members.
2. Improve connectivity & access to knowledge.
3. Prepare learners for continued growth.
4. Contribute to the academic & career success of the community.

Activities

- Develop and deliver in-library literary and literacy enrichment programming for infants, preschoolers, youth, tweens and teens, adults, and seniors.
- Provide literary and literacy enrichment outreach services to seniors, home-based care providers, students at summer schools and camps, homebound patrons.

STRATEGY 3 Maintain reciprocal relationships for successful learning

Objective Grow partnerships that add value to community learning opportunities, leveraging both library & partner resources.

Activities

- Collaborate to enhance learning opportunities available to the community.
- Connect patrons to learning opportunities at the library & partner organizations.
- Contribute to community cultural & educational networks.



Goal 2. Fletcher Free patrons have meaningful & dynamic library user experiences.

STRATEGY 1 Provide useful, usable & desirable library services, resources & spaces.

Objective Ensure all services & spaces provide a solution, satisfy a need, are easy to use & are safe.

Activities

- Institute a user-focused service philosophy.
- Ensure library policies and procedures empower staff.
- Optimize points of patron interaction in the library and online.
- Ensure digital resources & their interfaces are seamless, & responsive to mobile technology.
- Upgrade public technology resources.
- Design and institute behavior reinforcing wayfinding within the Library.

STRATEGY 2 Build staffing capacity.

Objective Ensure appropriate staffing levels, skill sets and staff empowerment to meet service demands and community needs.

Activities

- Continue to build a quality staffing structure, focusing on literacy, outreach and technology.
- Institute annual evaluations for staff.
- Provide professional development opportunities for staff.
- Implement resource-saving technologies.
- Implement centralized volunteer management.

STRATEGY 3 Maintain relevant, easy-to-access collections.

Objective Patrons use collections for personal growth & lifelong learning.

Activities

- Implement user-focused access to collection.
- Maintain and evaluate centralized collection development model.



Goal 3. The Fletcher Free is positioned to sustain & grow resources.

STRATEGY 1 Maintain a strong community presence.

Objective Raise awareness of library services, their benefit & how to access them.

Activities

- Rebrand the library and roll out the brand in the community.
 - Re-develop the library website.
 - Develop marketing plans & materials that meet patron needs.
 - Conduct outreach to the community aimed at increasing patronage that reflects the diversity of our community.
 - Promote 'library card sign up month' once a year, as well as other innovative ways to engage community members as library patrons.
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STRATEGY 2 Be responsive & accountable.

Objective Ensure services, resources & spaces remain aligned with evolving community needs & expectations.

Activities

- Develop data management solutions for tracking and analysis of service statistics.
 - Measure the library's impact in the community.
 - Implement a continuous improvement cycle: needs assessment; satisfaction survey; evaluate data & results; design & implement service improvements.
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STRATEGY 3 Build sustainability.

Objective Strengthen the library's organizational & financial foundation.

Activities

- Transition library fundraising to our Friends organization as Fletcher Free's 501(c)3.
- Fund library programming, professional development & special initiatives through the Friends 501(c)3.
- Develop and implement a capital campaign to redesign & remodel the library interior, emphasizing the children's library, the teen area, meeting rooms, & a café.